

TEACHER EDUCATION History Teacher Certification/Social Sciences Education

Admission to Professional Studies (Gateway 1)

Admission to Professional Studies (APS) is a prerequisite for C&I 214 and C&I 216; therefore, **the APS requirements must be completed in the semester prior to the C&I 214/216 semester.**

A. Department Requirements

- ___ Minimum of 2.75 GPA in major **and** overall.
- ___ A one-page essay: "Why I Want to Teach History and the Social Sciences" to be submitted to History Department's Director of Student Teacher Placement (Molly Munson-Dryer; mlmunso@ilstu.edu).
- ___ Schedule and complete an interview with History Department's Director of Student Teacher Placement.
- ___ Completion of all University Admission to Professional Studies requirements (see below).

B. University-wide Teacher Education Admission to Professional Studies (APS) Requirements

Consult www.coe.ilstu.edu/cecp/. Click on "Teaching Redbirds." Download and print "Student Checklist Requirements." This is the only checklist that will be provided. Some requirements are included in required courses. Others must be initiated and completed by the student. Forms for the student-initiated requirements can be downloaded from "On-Line Forms" on the "Teaching Redbirds" page.

Passing the Basic Skills State Certification Test is a requirement for Admission to Professional Studies. The Registration Bulletin and Study Guide are available at DeGarmo 56 or any Regional Office of Education. Complete information is also available at: www.icts.nesinc.com. The Basic Skills Test should be taken as soon as possible after completing 45 hours.

Consult www.itps.ilstu.edu for the Instructional Technology Passport System (ITPS) requirements for APS and Admission to Student Teaching/Clinical Practice. Students who did not complete ITPS requirements #1-4 in ISU courses must complete these requirements independently. For # 2 and #3 contact: alternative.assessor@ilstu.edu.

Admission to Student Teaching/Clinical Practice (Gateway 2)

Apply for Student Teaching/Clinical Practice in the fall semester prior to the academic year when you plan to student teach. The application process will be discussed in an Admission to Student Teaching meeting (in September). Information on this meeting will be distributed via the History Department's Major List Serve.

A. Department Requirements

- ___ Minimum of 2.75 GPA in major **and** overall.
- ___ Complete Gateway 2 interview in HIS 290 semester with designated History Department personnel.

B. University-wide Teacher Education Admission to Student Teaching/Clinical Practice Requirements.

Consult www.coe.ilstu.edu/cecp/. Click on "Teaching Redbirds." Download "Student Checklist Requirements." This is the only check list that will be provided. Also click on "Student Teaching" for further information.

Passing the State Certification Content Test is a requirement for Admission to Student Teaching/Clinical Practice. History majors take the History test. Social Sciences majors take the Social Sciences test. Changes in content certification testing will take place in summer 2004. Details will be announced later. It is recommended that this test be taken just prior to the HIS 290 semester.

Passing the Assessment of Professional Teaching State Certification Test is not required for student teaching or graduation, but is required to obtain the teaching certificate. It should be taken near the end of the HIS 290 semester.
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